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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOLDEN KEY AWARDS 2004


The Utah Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is soliciting nominations for the 2004 Golden Key Awards. The Golden Key Awards are regional luncheons to honor business, organizations, service producers and individuals making outstanding contributions for employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

 Regional luncheons dates are:

**St. George
Provo
Davis County
Salt Lake
Price**

**Wednesday May 12
Thursday May 27
Wednesday June 16
Thursday June 24
Wednesday August 11**

 **A NEW FORM!** You will love the new Nomination Form. It is shorter and more succinct than previous formats. Please contact us if you have questions.

 **PICTURES!** Along with the new format, we are also asking for a photo of the nominee to be used during the Award Presentation. Electronic pictures are welcome.

 Nomination Deadline: **Friday April 2 at 5 pm.**

 **QUESTIONS?** Contact Diane Russell or Sarah Lehmann.

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Golden Key Awards



Nomination Information

There are organizations, professionals, employers and individuals who have significantly contributed to the employment and/or empowerment of people with disabilities. Your nomination of an Employer, Service Provider, Ace, or Citizen is an opportunity to recognize their work and efforts. The Utah Governor's Committee will hold a luncheon and awards ceremony for these recognitions.

Golden Key Award Categories

Employer of the Year - The Employer of the Year Award bestows recognition on employers for outstanding contributions and practices that improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

The Employer:

- Has a commitment to hire people with disabilities;
- Meets the needs of employees with disabilities and aids them to further their careers;
- Promotes positive awareness among its employees as to the needs of customers with disabilities.

The nominees in the categories of Service Provider, Ace Award, or Citizen of the Year are being submitted for the following contributions:

- Advocates for people with disabilities on the local, state, or national level;
- Removes barriers that previously excluded people with disabilities from obtaining employment (may be accessibility or attitudinal).
- Encourages people with disabilities to obtain meaningful employment and;
- Promotes positive awareness of the needs of people with disabilities.

Service Provider of the Year - The Service Provider of the Year Award recognizes one community service provider for outstanding and innovative efforts that have contributed to the employment and/or empowerment of people with disabilities. Nominees can be public or private organizations whose primary mission relates to improving the lives of persons with disabilities.

Ace Award - The "ACE" Award recognizes an outstanding company or individual who uses an innovative approach or concept to employ, train, or accommodate individuals with disabilities.

Citizen of the Year - The Citizen of the Year Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Utahan with a disability and is based on noteworthy contributions and on outstanding and significant achievements in the world of work.

Nominations **MUST** submitted by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 2, 2004
To: Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
2004 Golden Key Awards

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Or apply on-line at: www.usor.utah.gov/gov_committee

Golden Key Awards Official Nomination Form

All nominations must be typed. Please call 801-887-9526 if you need assistance filling out this form.

Date Submitted (for official use only):

Nominee:

Name _____	Occupation (if applicable) _____
Address _____	
City _____	Zip Code _____
Phone _____	E-mail _____

Nominator:

Name _____	Organization _____
Address _____	
City _____	Zip Code _____
Phone _____	E-mail _____

Category of Nomination

- ☐ Employer of the Year (specify size of company)
 - Small Employer (49 or less employees)
 - Medium Employer (50 – 99)
 - Large Employer (100 – 999)
 - Extra large Employer (1000+)
- ☐ Service Provider of the Year
- ☐ Ace Award
- ☐ Citizen of the Year

Please keep your nomination to 250 words or less.

Describe how the nominee has met the criteria for the nomination category. **Be specific** in describing the reasons why this individual, employer, or organization should be recognized. Include relative information about the impact of disability, employment, educational background, advocacy, employee training and accomplishments. Provide examples of how the specific criteria have been met.

Preference will be given to nominations submitted with two letters of support. One letter of support for the Employer of the Year Award must be from a **current** employee.

Enclose or E-mail a picture of the Nominee.